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ALTERNATIVE TO USING A V-GROOVE FOR
PROTECTION AGAINST DICING INDUCED
DAMAGE IN SILICON**

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STATUS INQUIRY

The above-identified application was filed on 11/30/2001. To date
no Office Action has been received. In particular, we have been expecting a
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